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1 Introduction

This chapter provides an overview of the Keysight 11636C/D power divider.

Product Overview

Keysight 11636C and 11636D Power Dividers operating from DC to 50 GHz and 67 GHz respectively, provide an excellent output power symmetry between the two output ports. Their design features excellent amplitude and phase tracking to ensure excellent source match for fault location applications using network analyzers and also precise power division.

Any port may be used as an input, as the Keysight 11636C/D provides a symmetrical power division. The 11636C/D can also be used as a power combiner. When signals are input at two output ports, the sum of the two appears at the input port. However, this is not recommended for ratio or source leveling applications.

Figure 1-1 Keysight 11636C DC to 50 GHz Power Divider

Figure 1-2 Keysight 11636D DC to 67 GHz Power Divider

Features

11636C

- Broadband coverage from DC to 50 GHz
- Excellent amplitude (0.3 dB from DC to 50 GHz) and phase tracking (±2° typical) minimizes amplitude and phase difference between the two outputs to ensure an accurate power division.
- Low SWR of 1.67 at 50 GHz minimizes your measurement uncertainty

11636D

- Broadband coverage from DC to 67 GHz
- Excellent amplitude (0.4/0.65 dB from DC to 67 GHz) and phase tracking (±4°/ ±7° typical) minimizes amplitude and phase difference between the two outputs to ensure an accurate power division.
- Low SWR of 2.1 at 67 GHz minimizes your measurement uncertainty

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2 Characteristics and Specifications

Specifications and Characteristics

For the specifications and characteristics of the 11636C/D power divider, refer to the technical overview document at www.keysight.com/us/en/assets/7018-01590/technical-overviews/5989-6698.pdf.

Physical Dimensions

The table below lists the physical dimensions of 11636C/D Power Divider.

Pin depth	0.000 to 0.076 mm (0.000 to 0.003 in)[a]
Dimensions	35.1 mm H x 35.5 mm W x 10 mm D (1.38 x 1.39 x 0.39 in)
Weight	0.036 kg (0.079 lb)

[a] Allowable recession of the end of the female center pin behind the outer conductor mating plane.

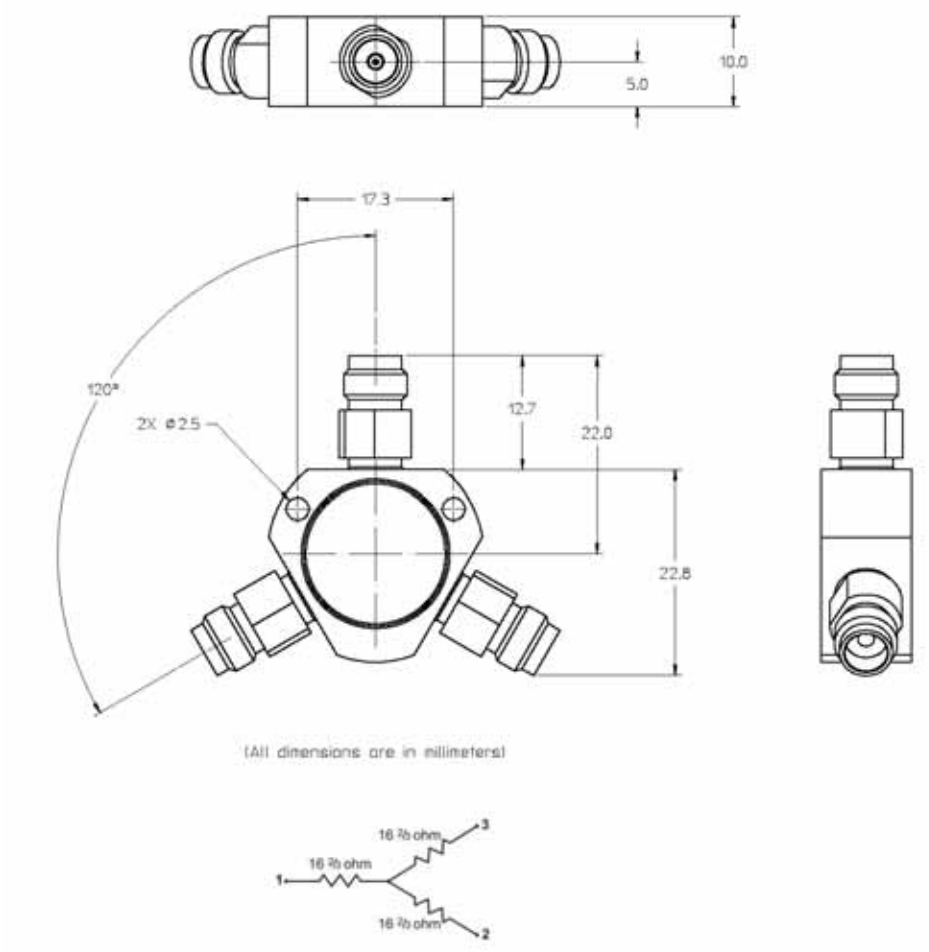

Figure 2-1 Keysight 11636C/D schematic and dimensions

Environmental Conditions

The 11636C/D is designed to fully comply with Keysight Technologies' product operating environmental specifications. Table 2-1 and Table 2-2 list the environmental specifications of 11636C and 11636D power dividers respectively.

Table 2-1 11636C Environmental Conditions

Environmental condition	Requirement
Temperature – Operating – Storage – Cycling	 -45 °C to +70°C –65 °C to +85°C –65 °C to +85°C, 10 cycles at 20 °C per minute ramp rate, 20 minutes dwell time per MIL-STD-833F, Method 1010.8, Condition C (modified)
Humidity – Operating – Storage	 50% to 95% RH at 40 °C, 24 hours cycling, 5 cycles 90% RH at 65 °C, 24 hours
Shock – End-user handling – Mechanical Survival – Transportation	 Delta-V: 3m/s ±5%, Duration <3ms at 6 faces Half Sine: 1000g, 0.5ms at 6 faces 50g, delta-V: 8m/s at 6 faces
Vibration – Operating (Random)	 2.41 Grms, 10 min/axis
Altitude – Operating – Non-operating	 4,600 meters (15,092 feet) 4,600 meters (15,092 feet)
ESD immunity – Contact Discharge – Air Discharge	 4 kV (to center conductor) 15 kV (to outer conductor)

Table 2-2 11636D Environmental Conditions

Environmental condition	Requirement
Temperature	
– Operating	-45°C to +70°C
– Storage	–65 °C to +85°C
– Cycling	–65 °C to +85°C, 10 cycles at 20 °C per minute ramp rate, 20 minutes dwell time per MIL-STD-833F, Method 1010.8, Condition C (modified)
Humidity	
– Operating	95% RH at 40°C, 24 hours cycling, 5 cycles
– Condensation	95% RH at -10°C to 25°C, Method 2
– Resistance	95% RH at 65°C, 10 Days per JEDEC HAST Standard
Shock	
– End-user handling	Delta-V: 3m/s ±5%, Duration <3ms at 6 faces
– Mechanical Survival	Half Sine: 1000g, 0.5ms at 6 faces
– Transportation	50g, delta-V: 8m/s at 6 faces
Vibration	
– Operating (Random)	0.3 Grms, 5-500 Hz
Altitude	
– Operating	4,600 meters (15,092 feet)
– Non-operating	4,600 meters (15,092 feet)
ESD immunity	
– Contact Discharge	4 kV (to center conductor)
– Air Discharge	15 kV (to outer conductor)

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3 Installation and Verification

This chapter mainly focuses on the installation of the power divider and operating instructions to walk you through the quick-check procedure to ensure that the power divider is working before its implementation in the system. There are also the performance tests and service instructions available in this chapter.

Installation

Initial inspection

1. Inspect the shipping container for damage. If the shipping container or cushioning material is damaged, it should be kept until the contents of the shipment have been checked for completeness and the instrument has been checked both mechanically and electrically.
   - Check for mechanical damage such as scratches or dents.
   - Procedures for checking electrical performance are given under “Operator’s Check” on page 21 or “Performance Tests” on page 22.
2. If the contents are incomplete, if there is mechanical damage or defect, or if the instrument does not pass the electrical performance test, contact the nearest Keysight Technologies Sales and Service office (refer to “Sales and Technical Support” on page 3). Keysight will arrange for repair or replacement of the damaged or defective equipment. Keep the shipping materials for the carrier’s inspection.
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Operating Instructions

Operator's Check

The operator's check is supplied to allow the operator to make quick check of the power divider prior to use or if a failure is suspected.

CAUTION ESD exceeding the level specified in the technical overview may cause permanent damage to the device.

Description

The power divider is connected to a network analyzer configured for the s- parameter measurement. The network analyzer may be set to sweep over the whole or selected frequency range of the power divider to be verified. The s-parameter measurement is the best way to determine if the power divider is working properly.

Figure 3-1 Quick-check configuration

Quick-check procedure

1. Visually inspect the input port and both output ports for defect or damage. Mating defective or unclean connectors degrade the measurement and damage the mating connector.
2. Perform the Performance tests (over the frequency range you will be using). For detailed instructions, refer to “Performance Tests” on page 22.

If the power divider fails either check, contact Keysight for repair or replacement.

Performance Tests

Input Return Loss

Input return loss is a measurement of the input port match of the power divider. The reflected RF signal is measured at the input port with both output ports terminated in 50 ohms.

To ensure that the power divider meets the input return loss specifications, the measured values must be greater than or equal to the specifications plus the measurement uncertainty.

Procedure

1. Set up the network analyzer for 2-port measurement and perform 2-port calibration after the network analyzer has been warmed up for 30 minutes.

2 Connect ports 1 and 2 of the power divider to the ports 1 and 2 of the network analyzer respectively. Terminate port 3 of the power divider with 50 ohm load (refer to Figure 3-2).

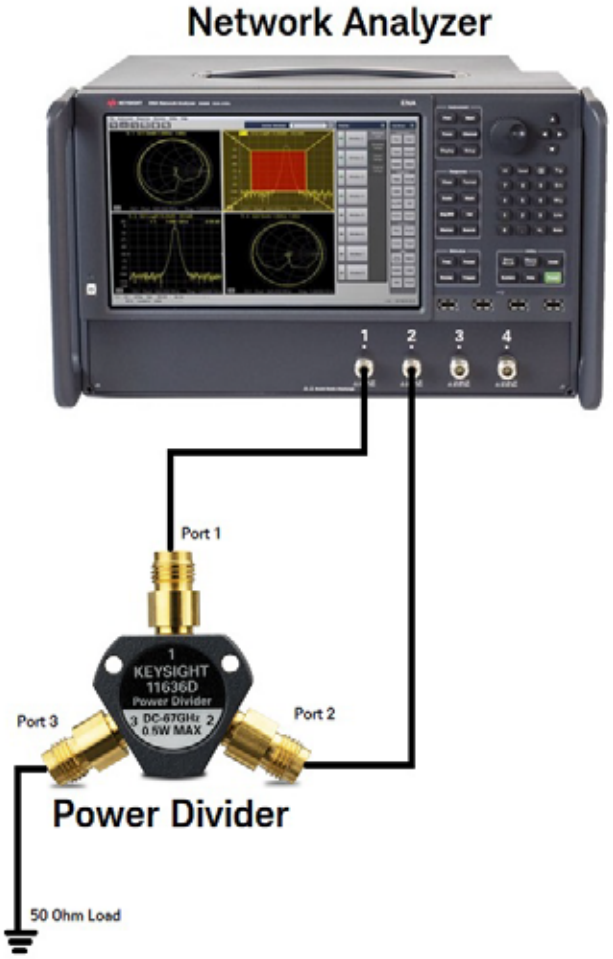

Figure 3-2 Input return loss test setup

3 Measure the reflection parameter, S11.

Output Tracking

Output tracking compares the frequency response of one output port to the other output port. A swept measurement is stored from the first output port and compared to the measurement of the other output port. Output tracking is measured as the maximum peak-to-peak variation.

Procedure

1. Set up the network analyzer for 2-port measurement and perform 2-port calibration after the network analyzer has been warmed up for 30 minutes.
2. Connect ports 1 and 2 of the power divider to the ports 1 and 2 of the network analyzer respectively. Terminate port 3 of the power divider with 50 ohm load (refer to Figure 3-3).

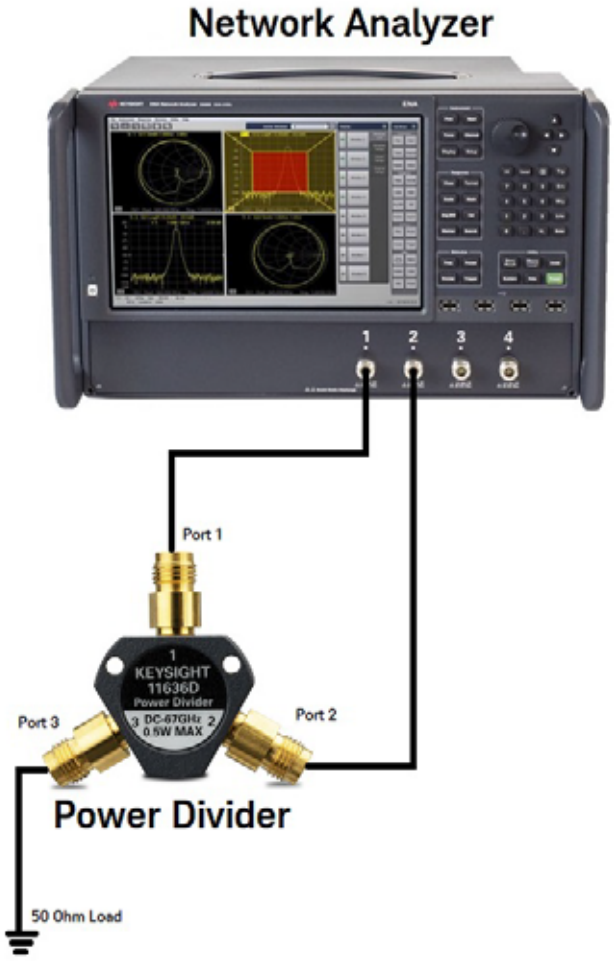

Figure 3-3 Output tracking test setup (Port 3 Terminated)

3 Measure the S11, S21 and S22 parameter values and save the measured value to the memory.

4 Now connect ports 1 and 3 of the power divider to the ports 1 and 2 of the network analyzer respectively. Terminate port 2 of the power divider with 50 ohm load (refer to Figure 3-4).

Figure 3-4 Output tracking test setup (Port 2 Terminated)

5 Measure the S31, S32 and S33 parameter values and perform “Data-Memory” math operation.
The “Data-Memory” operation result is the output (phase and amplitude) tracking measurement result.

Service Instructions

Adjustment

The power divider does not have internal adjustments and should not be opened.

Repair

The 11636C/D power divider is not recommended for repair as most components are not easily removed.

Maintenance

The connectors, particularly the connector faces, must be kept clean.

For instructions on connecting and care of the connectors, refer to Microwave Connector Care Quick Reference Card (08510- 90360).

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